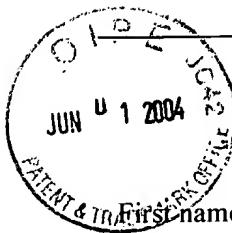


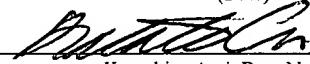
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 App. No. : 09/511,934 )  
 Filed : February 24, 2000 )  
 Title : THIN-FILM FORMING )  
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)**

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

ATTN: Box DAC

Dear Sir:

This is a petition to request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application based on failure to receive an Office action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a).

The undersigned received the Notice of Abandonment mailed on 18 May 2004 in the present application, which indicated that this application is considered as having become abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 6 November 2003. However, the undersigned has never received the Office letter.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. 711.03(c), the following are sufficient to establish nonreceipt of the Office letter:

The undersigned states herein that the Office letter was not received by the undersigned and attests to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that Office letter was not received.

A copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed is attached hereto. The docket record as of May 27, 2004 clearly shows that the last entry of action taken is filing of an RCE on 23 October 2003 (see the last page);

accordingly, the initially set action due dates are closed on 23 October 2003) and the Notice of Abandonment was received on 24 May 2004 (see Remarks on the first page) and the due date to respond is set for 18 July 2004 (two months from the mailing date). There is no indication of receiving the Office action. If the undersigned had received the Office action, that would have been indicated in the docket record.

Further, in this application, all of the Office actions including the Notice of Abandonment have been addressed to the previous address. The address change request was faxed to the Office on 14 August 2002 as shown in the attached copy. Except for the present application, the address has been updated in the other applications. The improperly indicated address may have been a cause of nonreceipt of the Office letter. The undersigned requests that the address be updated in the present application.

The undersigned has never received the Office letter, and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is the appropriate course of action, and such petition does not require a fee (M.P.E.P. 711.03(c)).

The undersigned respectfully requests grant the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the present application and remail the Office action. Should fees be necessary for this petition, please charge them to our deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Enclosed in support of the submission are the following.

- (X) A copy of the docket record as of May 27, 2004.
- (X) A copy of the address change request faxed on 14 August 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: May 27, 2004

By: 

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action Under 37 CFR 1.18(a) with the attachments.
- (X) A copy of the Notice of Abandonment dated May 18, 2004 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
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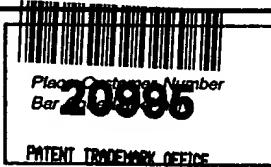
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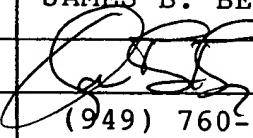
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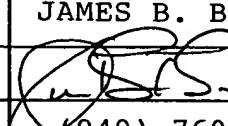
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This application is abandoned in view of:

1.  Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 08 November 2003.
  - (a)  A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.  
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
  - (c)  A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
  - (d)  No reply has been received.
2.  Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (a)  The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (b)  The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c)  The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3.  Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
  - (a)  Proposed corrected drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
  - (b)  No corrected drawings have been received.
4.  The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5.  The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6.  The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7.  The reason(s) below:

  
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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

# Country Application

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**Case Number: ASMJP.032AUS**

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SATOH, KIYOSHI		

**Title: THIN-FILM FORMING APPARATUS HAVING AN AUTOMATIC CLEANING FUNCTION FOR  
CLEANING THE INSIDE**

**Remarks:** Notice of Abandonment recvd 5/24/04; Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 11/6/03  
RCE filed 10/30/02  
Drawings have been accepted; see Paper No.6

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Final OA 2 Month Date	24-Jun-2003	Due Date	23-Jun-2003
Postcard Recvd?/Amend	20-Jun-2003	Reminder	01-Apr-2003
3rd Ext Amendment	20-May-2003	Final	20-Mar-2003
STATUS RCE APP	30-Apr-2003	Due Date	27-Nov-2002
2nd Ext Amendment	20-Apr-2003	Due Date	20-Mar-2003
1st Ext Amendment	20-Mar-2003	Due Date	18-Mar-2003
Amendment Due	20-Feb-2003	Due Date	12-Feb-2003
3rd/Final Ext FinalOA/File RCE	01-Jan-2003	Final	18-Sep-2002
STAT PER/FILE RCE	01-Jan-2003	Final	30-Oct-2002
POSTCARD RECD?	30-Dec-2002	Due Date	12-Nov-2002
Postcard Recvd?/Amend AF	18-Dec-2002	Reminder	01-Oct-2002
US-PAT 3 MONTH Follow Up Date	06-Dec-2002	Due Date	08-Jul-2002
2nd Ext Final OA	01-Dec-2002	Due Date	18-Sep-2002
APPEAL 2ND EXT	01-Dec-2002	Reminder	30-Oct-2002
1st Ext Final OA	01-Nov-2002	Due Date	18-Sep-2002
APPEAL 1ST EXT	01-Nov-2002	Reminder	30-Oct-2002
Final OA 3 Mon/File Appeal	01-Oct-2002	Due Date	18-Sep-2002
NOTICE APPEAL	01-Oct-2002	Due Date	30-Sep-2002
3rd Extension	07-Sep-2002	Final	06-Jun-2002
Postcard Recvd?/Amendment	06-Sep-2002	Reminder	20-Jun-2002
Final OA 2 Month Date	01-Sep-2002	Due Date	27-Aug-2002
F/U Status Check	25-Aug-2002	Due Date	13-Mar-2002
2nd Extension	07-Aug-2002	Due Date	06-Jun-2002
1st Extension	07-Jul-2002	Due Date	06-Jun-2002
Amendment Due	07-Jun-2002	Due Date	06-Jun-2002
Postcard Recvd?/Status Check	25-Apr-2002	Reminder	11-Mar-2002
STATUS CHECK	24-Feb-2002	Reminder	25-Feb-2002
STATUS CHK Follow Up Date	24-Feb-2002	Due Date	24-Aug-2001
POSTCARD REC'D?	17-Nov-2001	Reminder	27-Aug-2001
POSSIBLE IDS	12-Sep-2001	Final	17-Aug-2001
FORE FILE Follow Up Date	24-Aug-2001	Due Date	24-Feb-2001
STATUS CHK	24-Aug-2001	Due Date	24-Aug-2001
Rev Intl Srch Rpt/File IDS?	12-Aug-2001	Due Date	12-Aug-2001
US-ASSIGNMENT Follow Up Date	05-Apr-2001	Due Date	05-Oct-2000
FORE FILE	24-Feb-2001	Due Date	24-Feb-2001
FOREIGN FILE?	18-Feb-2001	Reminder	18-Feb-2001
*L/C F/F 10 MON	24-Dec-2000	Due Date	18-Feb-2001
US-MISS PART 2 Follow Up Date	20-Dec-2000	Due Date	20-Jun-2000
ASSIGN REC'D?	20-Nov-2000	Due Date	05-Oct-2000
CORRECT F/R REC	27-Oct-2000	Reminder	28-Aug-2000
FINAL MSNG PRTS	26-Oct-2000	Final	20-Jun-2000
POSTCARD REC'D	27-Sep-2000	Reminder	04-Aug-2000
MISS PART 3 EXT	26-Sep-2000	Due Date	20-Jun-2000
POSTCARD REC'D?	20-Sep-2000	Reminder	30-Jun-2000
POSTCARD REC'D?	20-Sep-2000	Reminder	29-Jun-2000
MISS PART 2 EXT	26-Aug-2000	Due Date	20-Jun-2000

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FILING RECEIPT	24-Aug-2000	Reminder	01-May-2000
REC'D M/PARTS?	24-Aug-2000	Due Date	01-May-2000
MISS PART 1 EXT	26-Jul-2000	Due Date	20-Jun-2000
MISSING PARTS	26-Jun-2000	Due Date	20-Jun-2000
IDS	24-May-2000	Due Date	24-May-2000
POSTCARD REC'D?	24-May-2000	Reminder	01-May-2000
US PAT APPL DUE	29-Feb-2000	Due Date	24-Feb-2000

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A/Brief 2nd Extension	23-Jan-2004	Due Date	23-Oct-2003
A/Brief 3rd Extension	23-Feb-2004	Due Date	23-Oct-2003
A/Brief 4th Extension	23-Mar-2004	Due Date	23-Oct-2003
A/Brief 5th Extension	23-Apr-2004	Final	23-Oct-2003
US-Appeal Brief Follow Up Date	23-Apr-2004	Due Date	23-Oct-2003

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**Remarks:**

Advisory Action Rec'd 10/2/03; Affidavit or Exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issue which were newly raised by the Examiner in the Final rejection

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STATUS RCE APP	23-Jun-2004	Due Date	

**Remarks:**

5/23 date extend KOA spoke with examiner who will issue amendment second time as the first one was lost in mail per H.Isetani EM 5/19/04 (jap 8:47:17 AM)

4/23 date extend per H.Isetani EM 4/21/04 (jap 8:55:09 AM)

PC rec'd 11/7/03 SCM;A/T 11/11/03 jap

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